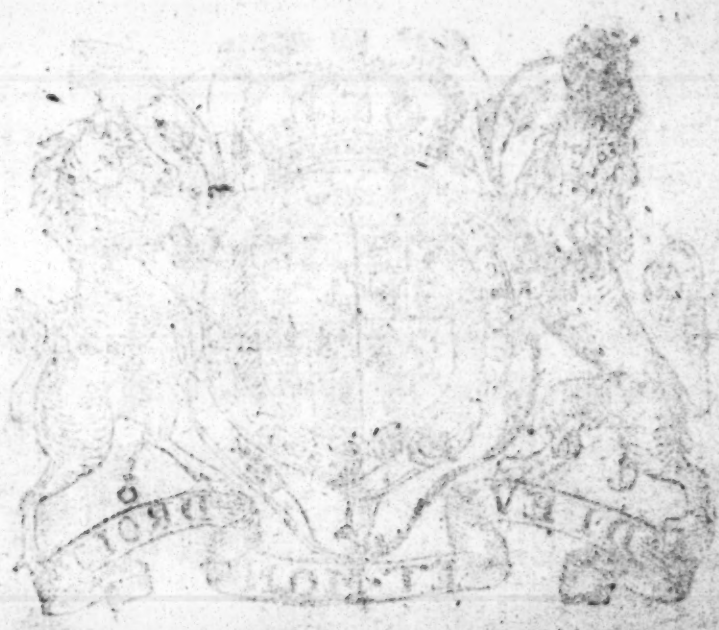


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P A R L I A M E N T.

Nov. 9. 1678.

My Lords and Gentlemen,



Am so very sensible of the great and extraordinary care you have already taken, and still continue to shew for the safety and preservation of my Person in these Times of Danger, that I could not satisfy my self without coming

hither on purpose to give you All my most hearty thanks for it.

Nor do I think it enough to give you My thanks on

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ly, but I hold My self obliged to let you see withall, that I do as much study your Preservation too, as I can possibly, and that I am as ready to joyn with you in all the wayes and means that may establish a firm Security of the Protestant Religion, as your own hearts can wish.

And this not only during My time, (of which I am sure you have no fear) but in all future Ages, even to the end of the World.

And therefore I am come to assure you, That whatsoever reasonable Bills you shall present to be Passed into Laws, to make you Safe in the Reign of any Successor, (So as they tend not to impeach the right of Succession, nor the Descent of the Crown in the true Line, and so as they restrain not My power, nor the just Rights of any Protestant Successor,) shall find from me a ready Concurrence.

And I desire you withal to think of some more effectual means for the Conviction of Popish Recusants, and to expedite your Counsels as fast as you can, that the World may see our Unanimity, and that I may have the opportunitie of shewing you how ready I am to do any thing that may give Comfort and Satisfaction to such Dutiful and Loyal Subjects.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

For the Confinement of Popish Recusants within Five Miles of their Respective Dwellings.

CHARLES R.



His most Excellent Majesty having been Informed of the dangerous and wicked Plots and designs of Popish Recusants, against His Majesties Royal Person and Government, and tending to the Subversion of the True Protestant Religion Established by Law within this His Realm, Doth (with the Advice of His Privy Council) by this His Royal Proclamation, strictly Charge & Command all persons being above the Age of Sixteen years, born within any of His Majesties Realms or Dominions, or made Denizens, who being Popish Recusants, have been, or shall be thereof Lawfully Convicted, That they and every of them do (according to the Statutes in that behalf made) repair to their respective places of abode; and if they have no places of abode, then to the places where the Father or Mother of such respective persons is or shall be then dwelling, and do not at any time thereafter remove or pass above Five miles from thence, upon pain that the Offenders shall lose and forfeit to the Kings Majesty, all their



their Goods and Chattels, and also all their Lands  
and Tenements, Rents, Annuities, and Heredita-  
ments, during their respective natural lives. And  
because many Popish Recusants, who are notoriously  
known, or reputed to be such, have notwithstanding,  
by the connivance or negligence of those by  
whom they ought to have been prosecuted, escaped  
Condemnation, and yet may be (by their concurrence  
and contrivances) as dangerous to His Ma-  
jesty, His Government, and the true Pro-  
testant Religion, as those who are actually Con-  
demned; His Majesty doth hereby further declare  
Charge and Command all His Judges, Justices,  
Magistrates, Ministers and Officers, That if  
any Popish Recusant, or person reputed so to be,  
though not Condemned, being above the Age of Eigh-  
teen years, shall not repair to his or her place of  
abode, and there continue without removing or  
passing above five miles from thence, That then  
such Popish Recusants, or persons reputed so to be  
respectively, shall be prosecuted and brought to  
punishment, as well by tendering unto them the  
Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taking  
advantage of their refusal thereof, as by putting in  
execution the severest Laws which are now in force  
against them. And His Majesty doth hereby fur-  
ther signify to all His Loving Subjects, That upon  
Certificate made to the Lord Chancellor of Eng-  
land, by any Justice of the Peace, That there are  
any Popish Recusants, or persons reputed so to be,  
who

who do not give their Obedience to his Majesty's  
 Royal Proclamation, together with the Names of  
 such offenders, his Majesty hath commanded the said  
 Lord Chancellor to Issue forth respective Commissi-  
 ons under the Great Seale of England, to the Justices of the Peace (of the several Counties, Cities & Li-  
 berties from which such Certificates shall come) to  
 Require & Authorize them, or any Two of them re-  
 spectively, to tender and administer the said Oaths  
 to the said Offenders accordingly. Provided, That  
 nothing herein contained, shall be construed to com-  
 mand any Popish Recusant convicted, or any other  
 popish Recusant, or person reputed to be such, to come  
 within Ten miles of the cities of London or Westmin-  
 ster, or to require any of the persons aforesaid, to re-  
 pair to their places of abode, or other the places a-  
 foresaid, who are Restrained by Imprison-  
 ment, or Disabled by such Sicknes, as  
 they shall not be able to Travel without imminent  
 danger of life, during the respective times of such  
 Imprisonment, or Disability, or to confine any such  
 persons within the said space of five miles from  
 the places aforesaid, who shall be (according to the  
 Laws and Statutes of this Realm) Allowed, or  
 Licenced to Travel, or Remove from thence; so that  
 their Travelling, Attending, Returning & by pre-  
 sence of such Allowance or Licence, be no longer, or  
 otherwise than by the said Statutes is Warranted.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the Tenth day of November 1678.

In the Thirtieth year of Our Reign.

G O D S A V E T H E K I N G.